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Elections to fill vacancies in principal organs: election of a member of the International Court of Justice

Note by the Secretary-General

1. By a letter dated 25 January 2010, a certified copy of which was forwarded to the attention of the Secretary-General under the cover of a letter dated 26 January 2010 from the President of the International Court of Justice, which was received on 18 February 2010, Judge, former Vice-President and former President Shi Jiuyong informed the President of the Court, pursuant to Article 13, paragraph 4, of the Statute of the Court, of his resignation as a member of the Court effective 28 May 2010. A vacancy in the Court will therefore occur on 28 May 2010.

2. Judge, former Vice-President and former President Shi Jiuyong was elected a member of the Court on 10 November 1993 and was re-elected on 21 October 2002 for a term of office that will end on 5 February 2012. He was Vice-President of the Court from 2000 to 2003. From 6 February 2003 until 6 February 2006, he was the President of the Court.

3. By a note dated 15 March 2010 (S/2010/136), the Security Council was informed of the occurrence of this vacancy in the Court.

4. The agenda of the sixty-fourth session of the General Assembly (A/64/251 and Add.1) does not contain a sub-item on election of members of the International Court of Justice. The Secretary-General therefore deems it necessary to add to the agenda of the sixty-fourth session of the Assembly, pursuant to rule 15 of the Rules of Procedure of the General Assembly, under item 110, entitled "Elections to fill vacancies in principal organs", a sub-item (c) entitled "Election of a member of the International Court of Justice".

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